GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed bilateral economic cooperation between India and other Asian countries

(b) if so, the details thereof country-wise, and

(c) the details of fresh policy and ministrative initiatives taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen bilateral economic cooperation between India and other Asian countries during the current year and Ninth plan period ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b) & (c) Bilateral economic cooperation between India and several Asian countries has been reviewed during the last year. These reviews took place during high level visits from Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia China, Nepal, etc. and during visits from India to China, Japan Iran, Syria and other Asian countries.High - level visits from India to other Asian countries are also being considered. Bilateral economic cooperation has also been reviewed during official level talks.

During these interactions, measures to increase trade & investment, technical cooperation, cooperation in tourism, human resource development, science and technology etc. have been discussed. Close interaction with Asian countries on economic matters is an important plank of Government of India`s international economic relations.